

ODELL'S BAN PUT ON HIGGINS

HE WON'T DO, IS STATE CHAIRMAN'S OPEN STATEMENT.

Admits That He Has Fixed Sept. 28 for the Convention to Place the Governor's Hand—Imminence of Jerome Is Disturbing the Machines—Harmony Cry.

The Republican State committee is to meet at the Fifth Avenue Hotel at noon to-day. Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., chairman of the committee, is to preside at the gathering, and he said yesterday that he had decided that the State convention should assemble at Saratoga on September 25.

Evidently Mr. Odell believed that somebody was to fight him on this occasion for he issued the following authorized interview:

"Are you in favor of the renomination of Gov. Higgins?"

"I am not," replied Mr. Odell. "I don't think the Republican party would be wise to renominate him."

"Do you regard him as a weak man?"

Mr. Odell was asked and Mr. Odell replied: "I don't think him a strong man politically or otherwise. He is the candidate of a faction. I am convinced from my own experience that the precedent against the renomination of a Governor in office is a wise one. He is on the defensive. I don't think this is the time when the Republican party of this State can afford to make any mistake. I do not think Gov. Higgins can poll his full party vote. There is nothing personal against Gov. Higgins in my opinion. It is my personal opinion. What we want is not the candidate of a faction, but a man who can command every Republican vote."

"Have you any candidate?" Mr. Odell was asked.

"I don't care to say anything about that. I do not know Mr. Higgins except as a politician. I have had no communication with him on the subject. I expect to remain chairman of the State committee until the State convention meets."

To some of his friends Mr. Odell said that he had purposely decided on September 25, the date on which the Democratic State convention will take place, in order to force Gov. Higgins into the open. He told those friends that he was holding back a definite announcement as to whether or not he would be a candidate for renomination in the hope that he would be able to get some line on what the Democrats would do before he committed himself. "But," Mr. Odell said to his intimates, "we'll have our convention on the same day as the Democrats and the result of it will be that Higgins will have to come out and declare himself one way or the other."

George W. Aldridge, Francis Hendricks, N. Y. V. Franconi and other friends of Gov. Higgins arrived in town yesterday. Of course no opinion could be obtained from them, but Republicans who talked with them said that Mr. Odell had been bluffing right along for the last three or four weeks; but then that was all right, it was said—part of the game.

Most folks believed last night that the meeting of the committee to-day wouldn't last even minutes; that neither Senator Platt nor Mr. Odell nor Mr. Anybody would make a speech, that the Jerome idea was somewhat troublesome and that as a matter of fact the people who go to the polls this year will care very little about the Odell machine or the Higgins machine or the Platt machine or the Hearst machine or the Murphy machine, or any machine whatever, and are like to vote for the man they want and not the man some boss wants.

How comes it about, it was asked yesterday at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, that the Hon. George W. Aldridge, Railroad Commissioner by the grace of Gov. Higgins, comes into the city of New York as he did yesterday and presides at the Hotel Gotham as the representative of Gov. Higgins while as Republican boss of Monroe county he has lost oftener than he has won? Mr. Aldridge vouchsafed the opinion that everything was to be peace at the Republican State committee meeting to-day. Word came up from Oyster Bay, it was said, that there must be peace.

The old story was heard last night that the friends of Gov. Higgins who hold jobs under him are ready at all times to agree upon any sort of plan of politics for harmony as long as there is a prospect that they can keep their comfortable berths. The present situation is that the State committee to-day, alarmed over the apparent imminence of Jerome, is ready to agree upon almost any policy that will lead to a campaign which will keep the present crowd in office.

District Attorney Jerome kept silent yesterday on matters political. He had brief talks with Sheriff Hayes and Senator James Fawcett, both Tammany leaguers.

It is said that the police, Sheriff Hayes is said to have talked to Mr. Jerome about stopping prizefights.

SAY HE WAS 112 YEARS OLD.

Russian Hebrew Believed He Grew So Old Because He Didn't Work.

Louis Perlestein of 112 Henry street, who died on Sunday at an age variously estimated between 101 and 112, was buried yesterday afternoon in the Cypress Hills Cemetery. The services at the house were attended by about 100 kinsfolk, twenty-eight of whom were grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren, the oldest of the latter being 18 years.

Louis Perlestein, the eldest of the eleven children of the dead man, says that when he was 20 years old and the family were still in Russia he sailed to this country to avoid service in the Czar's army and brought his father, then about 80 years old, with him. That was forty-two years ago, at least, he says.

In Russia Perlestein was a tailor and it was one of his old apprentices who estimated his age at 112. On coming to this country Perlestein became a man of leisure and devoted his time to the three Jewish religious societies to which he belonged. He attributed the age he attained to this avoidance of work and to the fact that he never took medicine. He smoked and drank in moderation up to the day of his death and never had to wear glasses.

Perlestein was very well known on the East Side and 400 people accompanied the body to the cemetery. The services were conducted by Rabbi Sachs of the Sheare Torah Synagogue.

FINED FOR HISSING THE FLAG.

Englishman Says He Didn't, but the Court Says It Heard Him.

Charged with having hissed the American flag during a performance at the Park Theatre, Bayonne, on Monday night, James Pierre, 28 years old, who described himself as an Englishman on a six months visit to this country and stopping at Richmond avenue, Port Richmond, Staten Island, was fined \$25 yesterday by Acting Recorder Hugh Mara, who heard the hissing. The Englishman paid the fine but will seek redress through the English Consul in New York.

The hissing took place while Johnnie Johns, a colored comedian, was singing a parody on "Why Don't You Try?" As he referred to an assertion wrongly attributed to Prince Louis during the latter's visit here to the effect that he had guns aboard his ship that could blow New York out of the harbor, the comedian pulled an American flag from beneath his waistcoat, waved it and sang "Why Don't You Try?"

A mild applause from the 700 people in the audience sounded a hiss that caused the audience to stop and men and women to clamor on chairs to locate the man who hissed. Pierre was seated in the rear part of the theatre with two friends and few detected him. It was some time before the indignation of the audience subsided and there were many remarks of what would be done if the hisser were caught.

After the show Pierre and his two friends visited the café and Pierre, it is said, denounced the United States and its people and said he wouldn't be a citizen of this country for anything. He was finally ordered out by Manager E. A. Schiller, whom, it is said, he abused. He was then, it is said, he declared he had not hissed the flag, but the comedian for referring to Prince Louis.

"I happened to be a witness of the whole incident," said Acting Recorder Mara, "and I want to tell you that you are as lucky to be able to move about to-day as a man would who fell 600 feet from a balloon and to drop on. You did hiss the flag and were fortunate in escaping what you richly deserved."

MISS SCHAEFFER LOST TEMPER.

Struck Miss Corwin in the Street—Apologizes in Court.

RIVERHEAD, L. I., Aug. 14.—Two girls were in Justice Taft's court here this morning. One accused the other of striking her with her hand and also with a newspaper. Miss Adelaide Corwin, 16 years of age, a blonde, is the girl who says she was assaulted. Miss Margaret Schaeffer, 17 years of age, a decided brunette, is the one accused. Miss Corwin lives in Main street and the other girl in Union street.

Miss Corwin said she was on her way up Griffing avenue about 8 o'clock last night when she passed Miss Schaeffer. As she was doing so Miss Schaeffer struck her on the mouth with her hand and then slapped her twice with a newspaper. All this, she said, was done without provocation and before she had a chance to defend herself. After their interferred and hostilities ceased.

Miss Corwin then hurried to the office of Justice Taft and got a warrant for the arrest of Miss Schaeffer. Constable Nugent, to whom the warrant was given, appeared in court with Miss Schaeffer to-day.

Justice Taft took the two girls into a private room and there suggested that Miss Schaeffer apologize to Miss Corwin. This she did. She said she was sorry for having struck her. Justice Taft then said he would discharge the case, as Miss Corwin did not want to press it.

Miss Schaeffer's version of what took place was that as she passed Miss Corwin the latter made a remark to her that caused her blood to boil and without waiting to consider the consequences she turned and struck Miss Corwin in the face. She said she regretted the remark that she alleges Miss Corwin addressed to her.

MORE LETTER CARRIERS.

More Postal Clerks, Too, and Other Improvements—Postmaster Off for a Rest.

Postmaster William H. Wilcox left the city yesterday afternoon for a two weeks absence. He carried with him to Colorado the assurance of First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock that the New York office would soon receive appropriations for improvements in the service.

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TAGGART CRITICIZES BRYAN.

Says He Should Have Kept Hands Off the Illinois Situation.

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HETTY GREEN'S SON NAMED.

Texas Reorganized Republicans Nominate Him for Governor.

DALLAS, TEX., Aug. 14.—The reorganized Republican party of Texas (anti-Lyon faction) nominated a State ticket at Houston to-day, headed by E. H. R. Green of Dallas for governor.

Mr. Green is the son of Mrs. Hetty Green of New York city.

He is president of the Texas Midland railroad and has large property interests in Dallas.

The Prohibitionists to-day nominated a full State ticket at Terrell, headed by J. W. Pearson of Boyce for governor.

Lee Mantle seeks to return to the Senate. Bryan wants the Democratic national committee reorganized he must wait until he has been nominated.

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BOGUS ARMY MAN'S BAD CHECK

HOTEL READY WHEN HE TRIED TO PASS A SECOND ONE.

Dealer in Military Goods Backed One for \$25. Then Waved Danger Signals All over the Tenderloin—Man Caught Says Family Will Cover the Losses.

Robert D. Crane, who deals in military goods at 18 West Twenty-seventh street, was visited on Friday by a rather dapper young man of soldierly bearing. Crane is a son of the American Revolution and knows many army and navy officers aside from the many he has met in his business. He was not at all surprised when his visitor said:

"I am Second Lieutenant C. B. Hodges, Fourth Infantry, U. S. A."

Mr. Crane knows Lieut. Hodges, but for the moment he was fooled. He thought that he recognized his young visitor, who was dressed in ultra fashionable style, so he fell an easy victim. The alleged lieutenant produced a check for \$25, drawn on the Mutual Bank, Thirty-third street and Broadway. It purported to be signed by L. T. Le Wald in favor of "C. B. Hodges, Second Lieutenant, Fourth Infantry." The young man indorsed the check and asked Crane to cash it. Mr. Crane put his name on the back and sent a clerk with the alleged Hodges to the Corn Exchange Bank, where he had an account. The bank, on the clerk's identification and Crane's indorsement, cashed the check without a question.

The check came back to Mr. Crane yesterday morning marked "No account." Then Mr. Crane thought it all over and realized that the young man didn't come within gunshot of answering the description of Lieut. Hodges. He called up the Army and Navy Journal and explained the circumstances. The Army and Navy Journal promptly got busy with several banks and hotels in the Tenderloin district and as a result, when the dapper young man appeared at the New Grand Hotel, Broadway and Thirtieth street, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon with a check, the clerks were ready for him. He had a check identical with the one passed on Crane.

The clerks delayed the young man while they communicated with Mr. Crane, as they had been instructed to do by the Army and Navy Journal. Mr. Crane hustled to the hotel. He clapped eyes on the young man he knew him. He went to a telephone and notified the Tenderloin police station. Detective Duncan was sent over and he arrested the alleged swindler.

On the way to the station house the prisoner told Mr. Crane that his people were well to do and would make good any loss. In the station house he said he was James M. Keegan, 25 years old, a student, of 504 Park avenue. He told Acting Captain McGowan that he had found the check and that he meant no wrong. Then Mr. Crane explained that he knew the real Lieut. Hodges and that the signature written by the prisoner was a forgery. Capt. McGowan ordered Keegan locked up on a charge of forgery.

Keegan was then searched. He had no money, but he had two check books of the Mutual Bank, Thirty-third street and Broadway, and the Thirty-fourth Street National Bank. In his pockets were nearly a dozen checks drawn on the two banks. They were made out for amounts varying from \$25 to \$50. Some were drawn in favor of C. B. Hodges, Second Lieutenant, Fourth Infantry, United States Army, and purported to be signed by L. T. Le Wald; others were drawn in favor of Arthur Jackson Sterling, M. D., and purported to be signed by Charles F. Reithum; others bore the alleged signature of W. F. Frame and still others drawn in favor of C. T. Jackson were signed "Arthur J. Striding."

As Keegan was led back to a cell he turned to Mr. Crane and said:

"I hope this will be fixed up all right, Mr. Crane. My folks will make good."

The young man does check books at 94 Park avenue. James L. Keegan, who does live there, said last night that a young man distantly related to him was wayward.

JAPAN'S TRADE AGGRESSION.

Extent of It Indicated by the Building of Many New Steamships.

HONOLULU, Aug. 14.—The extent of Japanese commercial invasion of the Orient is not fully appreciated by people in the United States. The Japanese are building up a commercial empire by the Japanese and the effort to dominate the trade of the western Pacific will be of the most aggressive character.

The best index of Japanese enterprise is the extensive construction of steamships in Japanese and English shipbuilding yards. Three steamers of 8,000 tons register each are being built for the Japanese trade, two vessels for the Shanghai-Japan trade and six for the Australian trade. All of these vessels have been ordered by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the largest steamship company in the Orient.

The Toyo Kisen Kaisha, which operates from the Orient to San Francisco, has under construction two 13,000 ton turbine oil burning passenger boats for San Francisco business.

ALL THE WHISTLES LET LOOSE.

A Method of Waking Up Railroad Men That Is to Be Stopped.

Justice Fleming of the Court of Special Sessions sat in chambers in Jamaica yesterday afternoon as a City Magistrate.

President Ralph Peters of the Long Island Railroad appeared before him on a complaint regarding noises. The Long Island Railroad has big yards at Jamaica and vicinity and a large portion of its employees live in the neighborhood of the yards or else along the lines of the road near the yards. Many of the conductors and engineers and some brakemen live in the railroad Y. M. C. A. building. The engineers of the all night diesel engines have been waking up the men living near the tracks with whistles up go round and wake the men. During the early morning hours James B. Ward, the complainant, said the blowing is incessant and prolonged. All night long the engines are whistling signals to their crews and to the yard men, but when waking up time comes all the engines appear to let loose. This is said to be especially true near the Y. M. C. A. building. practice should cease and that whistling at night would be limited to the least amount possible. On this understanding the matter was adjourned for a week and if the new conditions prove satisfactory they will not be resumed.

ROOT AT BUENOS AYRES.

Great Crowds Greet the Secretary in a Porting Balm.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

BUENOS AYRES, Aug. 14.—Secretary of State Elihu Root landed here to-day from the Argentine cruiser Buenos Ayres in a heavy rainstorm. Despite this fact great crowds had assembled to welcome him on the covered quay, in the streets and in the buildings along the river.

The Buenos Ayres anchored at noon. She was met down the river by scores of boats loaded with cheering people. After the party of Americans had landed the crowds took up the cheering and showered flowers upon them. Mr. Root rode in a carriage with Señor Montesdeoca, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Mrs. Root followed, riding with Arthur Beaupré, the American Minister. The rest of the party rode in other carriages. Along the route dozens of American and Argentine flags were displayed.

Mr. Root gave a reception at the palace this afternoon, which was attended by a large number of people. A crowd stood outside the palace in the rain, calling for Mr. Root, who appeared on a balcony and bowed his acknowledgments. He did not make a speech, owing to the rain. After the reception he visited President Alcoriza at the Casa Rosada.

This evening there was a state banquet given by the Government in honor of the visiting statesman. The city was beautifully illuminated. An exhibition drill of the firemen was given. It was witnessed by Mr. Root. During the storm the lightning stopped the street cars.

Valparaiso, Chile, Aug. 14.—The Chilean Government has completed its programme for the reception of Mr. Root, the American Secretary of State.

NEGRO SOLDIERS SHOOT UP TOWN.

Federal Troops on a Spree at Brownsville, Tex., Kill One Man.

AUSTIN, TEX., Aug. 14.—Gov. Lanham to-day received a telegram signed by County Judge Nathan Bartlett, Mayor Fred J. Combe and other county and municipal officials at Brownsville, Tex., saying that the Federal negro soldiers stationed at Fort Brown broke out of the garrison at midnight last night and raided the town of Brownsville.

The telegram says the whole town was shot up and that one bullet killed Frank Natus and another wounded Lieutenant of Police Jo Dominguez.

The governor is en route to Brownsville. A mass meeting was held to-day and resolutions were adopted asking the Government to remove the troops from that post and to punish the offenders.

Gov. Lanham, who has been urged to bring the matter to the attention of the War Department, said:

"I have placed the matter in the hands of Adj. Gen. E. A. Tamm. He will investigate. I do not believe it will be necessary to send State troops to Brownsville. The Federal military authorities at Brownsville, I believe, will arrest the offending negroes and I also feel sure they will be dealt with as their offence merits."

DRAGO DOCTRINE DISCORD.

Pan-American Conference Unable to Agree Definitely on a Declaration.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 14.—The Drago doctrine is presenting many difficulties to the Pan-American conference. One of the greatest is the controversy over the Argentine delegates withdrawing from their position. It seemed that a declaration of policy was settled upon, but this morning the Uruguayan delegates refused to sign it. They want a definite declaration that the forcible collection of debts is not permissible.

William Buchanan, head of the American delegation, is working hard to bring about agreement. He tells the Uruguayan and other delegates with radical views to frame separate declarations but not to try to force every one to their way of thinking. Some of the delegates want the entire subject thrown out of the programme. While there is much discussion of the doctrine it is probable that the question will be referred to The Hague for settlement.

MRS. CRAIGIE'S MESSAGE.

Telegram to Her Parents That They Received After She Was Dead.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—The funeral of Mrs. Craigie, the novelist and dramatist, who was found dead in bed at her home here yesterday, will take place on Friday. The interment will be at St. Mary's Cemetery, Kensington. A requiem mass will be sung at the Farm street church of the Jesuit Fathers.

Mrs. Craigie, on her arrival in London on Sunday night from the Isle of Wight, where she had been staying with her father and mother, telegraphed to the latter, saying:

"Excellent journey. Crowded train. Arrived by 9. Fond love."

The local telephone office at Ventnor was closed and her parents did not receive the message until she had been dead for several hours.

SULTAN SERIOUSLY ILL.

The Ruler of Turkey Has Gravel Trouble With Complications.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Daily Mail says that it is certain that the condition of the Sultan still remains serious. His servants permit no one to approach him. It is difficult to learn the exact nature of his illness, but there is excellent authority for saying that it is gravel, accompanied with hemorrhage.

LACE COMES IN CHICK PEAS.

Arrest of a Syrian Merchant to Whom It Was Consigned.

Michael S. Kleis, a Syrian of 35 Broadway who styles himself an importer, was held in \$1,000 bail by United States Commissioner Shickel yesterday to answer to the charge of smuggling lace into the country.

For some time the Treasury agents have wondered why so much chick peas and pistachio nuts were imported in such quantity and sold at scarcely more than cost. On Monday they examined a large case addressed to Kleis, containing nine tins of chick peas and pistachio nuts.

In four of the tins of chick peas they found rolls of handmade Syrian lace wrapped in cloth in the shape of frankfurter sausages. The lace, which is valued at about \$5,000, the customs officials think they have found out why the peas are sold so cheaply here to those who are fond of them.

NEW YORK-CHICAGO AIR LINE.

JOSEPH RAMSEY TELLS OF GREAT ELECTRIC ENTERPRISE.

Says Foreign Capital Will Build Double Track Road 108 Miles Shorter Than Any in Existence—Route to Pittsburgh Settled—Work to Begin Next Spring.

Pittsburg, Aug. 14.—Joseph Ramsey, Jr., formerly president of the Wabash, announces that he will build a new trunk line railroad from New York to Pittsburgh and thence to Chicago, the project to be financed by foreign bankers and the road to cost \$150,000,000.

Surveys for the road have been completed and show that it will be 85 miles shorter than the Pennsylvania between Pittsburgh and New York and 108 miles shorter than the present shortest line between New York and Chicago.

It is proposed to operate the line with electric locomotives, and the surveys give the new line a maximum grade of 20 feet to the mile, in comparison to the maximum grade of 65 feet to the mile on the Pennsylvania system; the new line will be able to develop high speed.

The Air Line will run through both the bituminous and anthracite coal regions and numerous branch lines are planned as well as the main line.

Going through the northern part of Pennsylvania. After leaving Pittsburgh the road will touch at the following towns in Pennsylvania: Freeport, Leechburg, South Bend, Shelocta, Cherrytree, Irwina, Dix, Loveville, Pine Grove Mills, Shingleton, Tusseyville, Coburn, New Berlin, Northumberland, Sunbury, Ashland, Mahanoy City, Tamaqua, Allentown and Easton.

Preliminary work will be begun this fall on the line from New York and actual grading will begin in the spring. The line west will be started as soon as the Pittsburgh-New York line is completed.

The surveys west are not final, and the promoters expect to lower the grade further and to shorten the distance before the road is laid out.

The road to New York has been surveyed three times. Right in this State will be got by merging the Indiana, Clearfield and Easton; the Allegheny, Tamaqua and Ashland, and the Brush Creek and Crows Run railroads. The merger papers will be filed this week at Harrisburg.

The foreign syndicate will build the road and turn it over completed to the New York, Pittsburgh and Chicago Air Line, which will be capitalized at first at \$1,000,000. The route west of Pennsylvania is to be kept secret, but it is stated positively that the route will be through the Allegheny, Ashland and Southern Railroad, which is now nearing completion, will be one of the many feeders in the West.

Joseph Ramsey, who is now in New York, sent the following signed statement here relative to the new project:

"We expect to make a start this fall and begin work next spring, hoping to complete the line between Pittsburgh and New York within three years."

The cost of the line between Pittsburgh and New York is estimated at between \$75,000,000 and \$100,000,000, all of which has been pledged, the bulk of it by foreign capitalists. It would not be wise for me to give details or names now.

"The line is not merely a preliminary survey, but a final location that has been revised three times. Three corps of engineers have been busy for three years in making the line as short as possible and low grade line to be had through Pennsylvania between Pittsburgh and New York."

"The extension of the road west to Chicago from Pittsburgh will be taken up when the line east to New York is completed."

CAN'T KEEP BROWNE IN SING SING.

Judge Hough Says He Is Here Only to Be Tried for Extraditable Offense.

United States Judge Hough decided yesterday that C. C. Browne, the customs examiner who jumped his bail after a conviction of conspiracy and whom Canada refused to extradite on that charge; cannot be compelled to serve out the sentence under that conviction now that he has been extradited to this country for trial on a charge of fraud.

Judge Hough says that the Federal authorities acted improperly in giving Marshal Henkel instructions to take Browne from Secret Service Agent Flynn and put him into Sing Sing, when the Canadian authorities explicitly stated in granting the request for Browne's extradition that he was to be taken to New York to be tried on the fraud indictment.

In concluding Judge Hough says that "an increasingly civilized national law and the highest grounds of national honor impose upon the United States Government and all persons subject to its rule the obligation to deal with the human being intrusted to them by a friendly foreign Power only with respect of the matter by reason of which he was extradited."

William H. Bonyea, of Browne's counsel, secured yesterday afternoon an order for Browne's release addressed to the warden of Sing Sing and will probably go up the river to-day to get Browne. Browne, it is expected, will be brought at once to this city to Marshall Henkel's office. If his counsel move that he be released on bail pending his second trial the United States District Attorney's office will urge that a high bail be fixed to insure Browne's appearance when he is wanted.

NO RICHMOND LIGHT CONTRACT.

Light Isn't Good Enough Is the Reason the Comptroller Gives.

Comptroller Metz refused